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In re Application of	:	
Gary L. Hopkins	:	
Application No. 10/825,276	:	DECISION GRANTING
Filed: April 13, 2004	:	PETITION
Attorney Docket No. ST288/OST12-U	:	


This is a decision on the petition filed October 21, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of April 13, 2004, rather than the presently accorded date of April 15, 2004. The petition is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10(d).

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail Service on April 13, 2004. In support, petitioner has provided a copy of an electronic logbook containing the information needed to support petitioner's allegation that the package was deposited on April 13, 2004.

In view of the above, the petition is **GRANTED**.

This application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination Division for further **processing with a filing date of April 13, 2004**. Thereafter, the application file will be forwarded to Technology Center 1700 for examination in due course.

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